

HOUSE RESOLUTION 272  
By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Henry Evans on receiving the Jo Reed Community Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry Evans, an esteemed resident of Germantown, recently received the Jo Reed Community Service Award, which is given annually by the Leadership Germantown Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, the award is named in honor of community activist Jo Reed, who freely donated her time and talents to a variety of civic endeavors, always working behind the scenes with little fanfare; through her work with St. George's Episcopal Church and the English Meadows neighborhood association and her volunteerism at City Hall, she was responsible for countless improvements to the quality of life in her community before her tragic death after being struck by an automobile while removing illegal signs from a utility pole in Germantown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans is a worthy heir to Ms. Reed's legacy, as well as to that of previous recipients Jim Roberts, George Erwin, Bea Carps, Tracy Speake, Annie Laurie Hall, and Elmore Phillips; and

WHEREAS, he is known throughout the community for his contributions as a member of the City's Planning Commission, Chairman of the Industrial Development Board, and Vice Chairman of the Germantown Chamber of Commerce; he is also active with the Pyramid Public Building Authority and the University of Tennessee Chancellor's Roundtable for the Health Science Center and National Alumni Association Public Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he has served Germantown United Methodist Church as a member of several committees, including the long range planning committee; and

WHEREAS, in nominating Mr. Evans for this prestigious award, Tracy Speake wrote, "The quantity and quality of Henry's work is amazing. He does not just attend or lend his name to groups. He rolls up his sleeves and becomes a part of the 'do' and not the 'say'. Henry's lifetime of limitless volunteer hours has brought about good things for all of us"; and

WHEREAS, Assistant City Administrator Andy Pouncey added, "Henry's stability, attentiveness to principle and adherence to the vision established by this community is exceeded only by his devotion of time and effort toward the assigned objective"; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Rick Kirchoff, minister of GUMC, stated, "Henry has always stepped up and offered his considerable skills to guide us in planning and dealing with the toughest of issues. He gives of himself freely and people look to Henry as a voice of reason and a man of deep integrity"; and

WHEREAS, Henry Evans epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and have earned this State the nickname of the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Henry Evans who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Henry Evans upon receiving the Jo Reed Community Service Award, commend his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy